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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application Serial No. 09/866,838) Group Art Unit: 2881
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Filed: May 30, 2001) Examiner: Gurzo, Paul M.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action of September 24, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by two months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 10 and further included in the attached drawing sheets.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Amendment.

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Attachments for this Amendment include fourteen (5) sheets of formal drawings
including Figs. 1-9.

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